This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

## **Listing of Claims**

Claim 1 (currently amended) A method of treating ischemia of a foot in a subject diagnosed with diabetic ischemia of the foot, comprising the steps of withdrawing blood from the subject, treating the blood by <u>differentially</u> removing high molecular weight protein, and reinfusing the treated blood into the subject, thereby treating the diabetic ischemia of the foot.

Claim 2 (previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the high molecular weight protein is selected from the group consisting of fibrinogen, low density lipoprotein cholesterol, alpha-2-macroglobulin and a mixture thereof.

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